



ORDERS AGREED UPON, AND PUBLISHED
BY THE VICECHANCELLOR AND MAIOR OF THE
UNIVERSITIE AND TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE, AND THE
Justices of both bodies, and the Doctors and Aldermen
their assistants.

I  That the articles and clauses of the statute made in the first yeare of our late Sovereigne King James of happy memory, and all other orders made by his Majestie, or the Honourable Lords of his Privie-Council for the relief and ordering of persons infected with the plague, be duely executed and observed by all persons whom they concern, upon such pain and penalty as in the said statute and orders is expressed.

II  That all searchers, examiners, or overseers of the visited; all constables, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore; all watchmen, and warders, and other persons appointed to any office in their severall places do from time to time duely and truly perform their offices, and execute that charge which is given unto them, upon pain of imprisonment, and such further punishment as may be inflicted by statutes and orders upon such persons as contemne authority.

Concerning suspected persons, houses, and watchmen.

- III** That all searchers, examiners, or overseers; all constables, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore in this Town, do from time to time make enquiry after such persons as are sick in their parishes, and of what diseases; and in case that it be apparent, or suspected to be of the plague, that they acquaint the chief examiner or overseer with it, and presently restrain access unto suspected houses, and persons, untill it appeare what the disease will prove: and if it prove the infection, that the house be shut up, and well watched night and day.
- IIII** That if any infected household be suffered to stay in the Town after the infection is known, that there be two watchmen appointed, one for the night, the other for the day; and that the watchmen be very carefull that no persons go in or out of such infected houses, whereof they have charge, upon pain of severe punishment; and that such watchmen do such offices, and provide, and fetch such necessities for the persons in the houses infected as they have need of, and require; and that the watchmen appointed for the day ward untill eight of the clock at night, and the watchmen for the night, untill six of the clock in the morning; the one not to depart till the other come.
- V** That the master, mistresse, or dame of every house or family, so soon as any in the same falleth sick of any disease, or complaineth either of botch, purple, or swelling, shall give knowledge thereof to the searchers or examiners within two houres after the person is sick, & suffer no persons to enter into the house without order from them, or one of them.
- VI** That so soon as it shall appeare to the searcher or examiner that any person in a house or family is sick of the plague, the sick and the whole shall be sequestred in the same house, if it be possible, one from the other, and so continue with one person to attend the sick, and though the sick die not, the whole household shall be removed, if conveniently it may be, or shut up, and the house well aired, for six weeks at the least before the persons in it be set at libertie. And if any person shall have visited, or accompanied any man known to be infected of the plague, or willingly entred into any known infected house, the house wherein he inhabiteth shall be shut up for so many dayes as the Court, or examiner shall think fit.
- VII** That the buriall of the dead by this visitation be alwayes either before sun-rising, or after sun-setting with the privy of the examiners, or overseers, or churchwardens, and constables of the parish; and that no neighbours or friends be suffered to accompany the corps to Church, or to enter, or come neare the house visited, or to stand gazing in the streets as the corse is carried to buriall, or in burying, but onely those of the same house, and buriers.
- VIII** That no clothes, apparell, bedding, linen, wollen, or other stufte whatsoever, be suffered to be conveyed, or carried out of any infected houses; and that all pawning, buying, or receiving of any clothes, apparell, bedding, linen, wollen, and other household stufte whatsoever, be utterly forborn by all persons whatsoever; And if any person shall be found to offend herein, his name to be presented to the Court.
- IX** That if any person infected or suspected to be infected, shall come or be conveyed from a place infected to another place; the parish whence such partie is come or conveyed, shall cause the person visited, and so escaped, to be brought back again by night; and the parties in this case offending, or consenting thereunto, to be punished at the discretion of the Vicechancellor, and Maior, and their Assistants; and the house of the receiver of such visited person to be shut up twentie dayes at the least.
- X** That every house visited be marked with a red crosse in the midst of the doore a foot long, evident to be seen, there to continue untill lawfull enlargement of the same house.
- XI** That those which watch or keep the visited be not suffered to passe the streets, without a red rod of three foot in length in their hands held up evident to be seen, and not to come into the markets, or other houses then their own, nor to receive any money but in water, or goods from the house or persons they watch, and to abstain from company, especially when they have been used in attending the visited.
- XII** Whereas for the better preservation of the Countrey people, and inhabitants of this Town, there are certain persons appointed to buy provision for the persons infected or suspected, that those persons which do daily attend the markets in their severall courses do keep out all such as dwell neare the infected, and do buy such provision and other necessities as they are intreated by the watchmen, and the same deliver unto the watchmen at the places appointed on the outsidies of the Town, and not suffer any watchman, or other person dwelling in suspected places to come into the Town or market, to fear or indanger the Countrey people that come to sell.

Concerning publique assemblies.

- XIII** That all publique assemblies at burials of the dead, christenings, marriages, and churchings, and visitation of the sick, be as much forborn as possibly may be, and no person admitted into the house where any infected or suspected persons are, and that upon no occasion there be suffered any flocking or thronging of people together, nor any begging in the streets, lanes, or back wayes in or about the Town: And if any happen, that the watchmen, churchwardens, overseers, or constables present their names to the Vicechancellor and Maior in the Court every Munday and Thursday, and of those that give occasion of the same.



Articles and Orders agreed vpon by the Right Worshipfull Iohn Mansel
Doct^r of Divinitie, and Vicechancellor of the Vniuersitie of Cambridge; and Thomas Purchas
Major of the Towne of Cambridge; with the consent of their Assistants then present, the xj. day of Iuly, Ann.
Dom. 1625. All which and every particular of the same, they require and command all persons whom they doe or may
concerne, duly to observe and keepe vpon paine of imprisonment, and such further punishment as may bee inflicted vpon the severall offenders
herein, by the Lawes of this Land, and other Orders and Compositions heretofore in such cases made and agreed vpon.



- I** That the high Constables and petty Constables within this Towne, and the Liberties of the same, doe presently warne and set a sufficient Watch and Ward in the vsuall places of this Towne, and the Liberties of the same; to be kept by all persons, aswell priuiledged as others in their courses. And the Watch to continue from nine of the clocke at Night, till fve in the Morning; and the Ward from fve in the Morning vntill nine of the clocke in the Evening: And that the Constable giue this charge to the Watchers and Warders, and that the Watchers and Warders doe duely observe the same, vpon paine of imprisonment.
- I I** That all such Watchers and Warders doe apprehend and take all idle, and wandring people, and all other suspected persons which are repaired, or which shall and will repaire to this Towne, and the Liberties of the same; and deliver them to the Constables, to be sent away and punished according to the Lawes of this Land. And that they keep out of this Towne all wandring Pedlers, Tinkers, Aquavita-men, and such like: And all Strangers, and all Carriages and Goods, that may be suspected to bring infection or danger to this Vniuersitie or Towne, vntill they be allowed to be entertained or received by the said Vicechancellor, or Major, or some other Iustice of Peace of either Body: and that they keepe a true Booke of the Name of euery person, and his goods thus allowed, and by whom.
- I I I** That the Churchwardens, Constables, and Overseers of every parish, doe euery day, (and oftner if there be cause) make inquirie and search in all Innes, Alehouses, and other houses within their Parish, for all passengers and strangers, that are or shall be lodged or receiued in any of them: and if they finde, feare, or suspect, any of them did come from any part of London, or other place visited; that presently they discharge them, and giue notice of the Host or receiver of them, to Mr. Vicechancellor or Mr. Major, or some Iustice of Peace, that they may yndergoe such punishment, as shall be thought fit by the foresaid Vicechancellor and Major.
- I I I I** That if in such search, or at any other time the said Churchwardens, Constables, or Overseers, or any of them, doe obserue and see, or shall be credibly informed of any drunken persons, swearers, or blasphemers: or finde, or be informed that any persons doe remaine idle, mispending their time in drinking, gaming, or otherwise, within any Taverne, Inne, Alehouse, or other place within this Towne, or Liberties of the same, that without fauour, or any partialitie, they see them presently punished, according to the Statute in such cases provided; or make present complaint of them and their receivers, to the Vicechancellor and Major.
- V** That no person doe carry, or recarry any Passengers, goods, wares, or marchandise by land or water, from this Towne to London, or from London to or towards this Towne, except it be for his Maiesties vse: and except Francis Adcock, who onely is allowed to carry and recarry Letters, and nothing else.
- V I** That the foresaid Churchwardens, Constables, and Overseers, doe from time to time take care, that all inhabitants and other persons within their severall parishes, doe pave, gravell, water, sweepe, and cleanse their doores, channells, streets, and lanes which belong vnto them euery Tewysday and Saturday: and to suffer no muckhills to remaine in any pent houses or yards: nor any hogs to be kept in any houses, or pent yards in the Towne, nor to come in the streets, or lanes of this Towne: nor any Butchers to kill any beasts at their doores, or in their shops: nor Farriers to bleed any beast at their shops, or doores, nor in the streetes, except they receiue the blood, garbage, and other filth into some vessell, and the same presently convey to the common muckhill on the backside of the Towne.
- V I I** That no person buy any goods brought into this Towne by any strangers; or carried about the Towne to be sold by them, or any others of this Towne, vpon paine of imprisonment.
- V I I I** That the Generall and publique Fast (by his Maiesties Proclamation and Orders published) appointed to be kept vpon Wednesday the xx. of this instant Iuly, and so euery Wednesday, be observed and kept religiously, and solemnly vpon those dayes. And that the Ministers of every Parish doe giue publike warning, that the Parishioners themselves, and their families and servants be wholly exercised vpon those dayes in holy prayer, godly meditations, and reverent hearing of the Scriptures either read or preached; and that they shut vp their shops, and forbear all bodily labours, bargaining, buying, and selling vpon those dayes.
- I X** That morning Prayers vpon those dayes shall begin at nine of the clocke in the forenoone, and they and the sermon end at eleuen of the clocke; and afternoone Prayers beginne at one of the clocke in the afternoon, and they and the Sermon end at three of the clocke; and that all Churches be well watered and cooled, before morning and euening Prayers every Sabbath day, and every Wednesday, and the casements opened, and the glasse of some of the chiefeft windowes taken downe, to coole the Church, and prevent the danger that may happen by the pent and close ayre in this hot season.
- X** That all persons take heed, that they spend not any part of those dayes in playes, pastimes, idlenesse, haunting of Taverne, Innes, or Alehouses; lascivious wantonnes, surffeting, or drunkennesse, which are the proper finnes of this Nation, for which the heauy displeasure and wrath of God is fallen vpon vs.
- X I** That the price of every meale forborne vpon the dayes of Fast, be gathered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of every Parish, and written in a booke of whom they receive it, and the same reserved in their hands, vntill it be disposed of by the Vicechancellor and Major, according to the tenor of the Order published.
- X I I** And further the said Vicechancellor and Major doe in his Maiesties Name straightly charge and command all Constables, Churchwardens, and Overseers of every Parish in this Towne, to take especiall care, that all persons doe observe and keepe the said Fast, according to the said Orders and Directions: and that they present the names of all offenders herein, that they may yndergoe the severest punishment that may be inflicted vpon offenders in this kind.
- X I I I** And lastly, it is ordered, that if any person shall refuse to obey these Orders, or any of them; or to be ordered by the said Churchwardens, Constables and Overseers, Watchers and Warders, or any of them, in any matter hereby given them in charge; or shall resist them, or any of them; or maintaine, or rescue any offender herein, that then the said Constables shall commit such offenders to the Gaole, there to remaine vntill they be released by their competent Iudge, and be bound with sufficient Sureties to their good behaviour.

God saue the King.

